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Dear Angler:

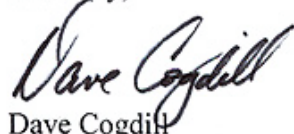
Please join me in my efforts to protect hatchery funding by supporting my bill, AB 2280. For many Californians sport-fishing has a vast impact on their lives. In some counties, like Mono and Inyo, sport-fishing tourism provides almost the entire economic base for the community. The vast majority of these anglers take fish that have been raised and planted by the California Department of Fish and Game.

Most anglers believe that their license dollars are used for raising and planting the fish that they catch. However, with the exception of a few specialty stamps and cards, all sport-fishing license sales revenue goes into the large Fish and Game Preservation Fund, which is used to fund a variety of programs. Of all these programs, the Hatcheries and Fish Planting Facilities programs receives progressively fewer funds each year.

AB 2280 would dedicate a portion of all sport-fishing license revenue directly to the Hatcheries and Fish Planting Facilities program. This would provide the necessary level of funding to maintain California's existing hatcheries. The level of funding would rise and fall in proportion to the number of anglers taking fish from the system. Proportional funding solves the current problem of demand outpacing supply. AB 2280 does not shift large amounts of funds from one program to another.

Attached is a sample letter you can use to voice your support for this measure. Before filling it out yourself, I encourage you to make copies of it and distribute it among other supporters of the hatchery system. The time to act is now. Anglers are paying for a service that needs to be adequately provided. Thank you for your assistance in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



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